

# DMV Pedestrian Safety QUICK TIPS

## A Two-Way Street

Pedestrian safety is the responsibility of both the pedestrian and the motorist. Both cause crashes!

Nevada consistently ranks among the 10 worst states for pedestrian fatalities. Nearly 90 percent of pedestrians and drivers involved in fatal crashes have local addresses. It's not the visitors!

(NHTSA and UNLV TRC)

### Crosswalks

A crosswalk exists at any intersection, whether it's marked, and wherever one is marked.

(NRS 484.043)

### Drivers

- Must exercise due care to avoid a collision with a pedestrian at all times. (NRS 484.3245)
- Must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. (NRS 484.325)
- Must yield at all times to a blind person using a white cane or service animal. (NRS 484.328)
- Must stop or slow down before passing another vehicle stopped in a travel lane until the driver has determined whether that vehicle has stopped for a pedestrian. (NRS 484.325)
- Must, at school zones, wait for all people, including the crossing guard, to completely clear the road before proceeding. (2003 NV Assembly Bill 42)

## Look **Left, Right** and Then **Left Again** before Crossing



The **Flashing** Hand means:

- **Finish** crossing if started
- **Don't start** crossing

### Pedestrians

- Must use the sidewalk and the nearest crosswalk, pedestrian bridge or tunnel.
- Must obey official traffic-control signals.
- Must stay in the right-hand half of the crosswalk whenever practicable.
- Must walk on the left side of the street facing traffic if no sidewalk is available.
- Must not suddenly walk into the path of a vehicle so that it is impossible for the vehicle to yield.
- May not cross an intersection diagonally unless the intersection is specifically designed for this. (NRS 484.325 through 484.331)

## Safety Tips for Walkers

- **Walk on the Sidewalk.** If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk in the road, walk on the left facing traffic.
- **Cross at Intersections.** Most people are hit by cars when they cross the road at places other than intersections. Walk the extra distance! Use marked crosswalks and obey the signals.
- **Look Left, Right and Left Again.** Stop at the curb and look left, right and left again for traffic. Stopping at the curb signals drivers that you intend to cross.
- **See and Be Seen**
  - Drivers need to see you to avoid you.
  - Stay out of the driver's blind spot.
  - Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets.
  - Wear bright clothing even during the day and reflective clothing at night.
  - Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark.



**Safe Walking**  
leads to...



**Safe Cycling**  
leads to...



**Safe Driving!**

## Children are **Not Small Adults!**

Children enjoy walking, riding bikes and playing outside. They can understand basic safety rules but they don't have the judgment to cope with traffic until at least age 10. Some points to keep in mind:

- Children assume that if they see the driver, the driver sees them.
- They can't judge speed and they think cars can stop instantly.
- They are shorter than adults and can't see over cars, bushes and other objects.
- They often act before thinking and may not do what parents or drivers expect.



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